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RESPONSE

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2009 and having a shortened statutory period for reply which expired on October 31, 2009. Provided herewith is a request for a one month extension of the response term bringing the term to November 30, 2009. Also submitted is a request for continued examination.

In the event that any fees are deemed as due, or in the event of any overpayment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account 12-0400 accordingly. The Applicant submits the following responsive Amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.